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SUBJECT: FRENCH INITIATIVE TOWARD REGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN VIETNAM

1. JAPANESE CHARGE' WATANABE INFORMED DCM TODAY OF REPORT THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM JAPANESE EMBASSY IN PARIS ON AN INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE QUAY D'ORSAY WITH BOTH THE DRV AND "PRG" IN PARIS.

2. THE FRENCH HAVE INFORMED THE JAPANESE THAT ON APRIL 5 THE DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT THE QUAY D'ORSAY CALLED IN THE DRV AMBASSADOR AND URGED HANOI TO NEGOTIATE A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH THE DRV AMBASSADOR ASSURED THEM THAT THEY WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH ANYONE IN SAIGON EXCEPT PRESIDENT THIEU. THE FRENCH, ACCORDING TO OUR JAPANESE SOURCE, SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED IN THE "PRG" REPRESENTATIVE WHO TOOK THE SAME POSITION. THE FRENCH PASSED THIS INFORMATION ON TO THE JAPANESE INQUIRING AT THE SAME TIME WHETHER THE GOJ THOUGHT THEY COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE. ALTHOUGH WATANABE WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR IT APPEARS THAT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR MAY HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT BOTH HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE US URGE THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT THIEU.

3. WATANABE FURTHER REPORTED THAT JAPANESE AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE NAKAYAMA, WHO IS AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF PRESIDENT THIEU AND IS CURRENTLY IN SAIGON, SAW PRESIDENT THIEU ON APRIL 7.

NAKAYAMA FOUND THIEU CHEERFUL AND FULLY DETERMINED TO SEE IT THROUGH AND GIVING NO INDICATION WHATEVER OF ANY INTENTION TO STEP

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ASIDE. BASED ON THIS DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT THIEU, NAKAYAMA

ADVISED TOKYO THAT (A) SINCE THE PRESIDENT WAS CLEARLY UNWILLING TO STEP ASIDE HE COULD SEE NO USEFUL ROLE FOR THE JAPANESE TO PLAY, AND (B) IN ANY EVENT, THE JAPANESE SHOULD NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

4. WATANABE ALSO SAID THAT THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO IS NOW ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON, EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THE VIETNAM SITUATION WITH THE SECRETARY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
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